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REFERENCE TO: ROAD CONSTRUCTION
CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER

1. SIGNIFICANCE: THERE IS EXTENSIVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM
BORDER.
2. LOCATION: INSET #1 LOCATED ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE
SONG BAC KHE (RIVER) AT 2216N - 10624E IN NORTH
VIETNAM.
- INSET #2 LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE
SONG KY CUNG (RIVER) AT 2215N - 10637E IN NORTH
VIETNAM.
- INSET #3 LOCATED AT 2215N - 10643E IN CHINA.
- INSET #4 LOCATED AT 2229N - 10642E IN CHINA.
- INSET #5 THE CHUNG-SHAN/LUNG-CHING ROAD IS
LOCATED BETWEEN CHUNG-SHAN, CHINA AT 2225N -
10721E AND LUNG-CHING, CHINA AT 2221N - 10651E.
PORTION OBSERVED IN INSET #5 IS LOCATED AT
2223N - 10701E.
- INSET #6 A TWO LANE GRAVEL ROAD LOCATED BETWEEN
PU-TSUN, CHINA AT 2209N - 10707E AND CHUNG-SHAN,
- NGA review(s) completed.

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CHINA AT 2225N - 10721E. PORTION OBSERVED IN
INSET #6 IS LOCATED AT 2223N - 10710E.
INSET #7 LOCATED 1 NM FROM CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM
BORDER AT 2149N - 10715E IN CHINA.

3. REMARKS:

THE CHINESE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN EXTENSIVE
ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN
THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA SINCE 1963.
THEIR EFFORTS SEEM TO INDICATE A CONCERN THAT
GOOD ROADS BE AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE EVENT
THAT CHINESE TROOPS ARE REQUIRED IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY OF ROAD
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BETWEEN LAI CHAU, NORTH
VIETNAM AND THE CHINESE BORDER INDICATE THAT
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THE BORDER AREA FALLS
INTO TWO CATEGORIES. 1) ROAD CONSTRUCTION
CONSISTS OF ROADBED IMPROVEMENTS, REALIGNMENT,
AND NEW ROAD DEVELOPMENTS. 2) THE OTHER
CATEGORY CONSISTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF DISPERSED
MILITARY CAMPS AND STORAGE FACILITIES.

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4. COLLATERAL: NONE
5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION.
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NONE
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: NONE
9. MISSION READOUT: PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS 25X1
SEVEN AREAS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM
BORDER AREA.

INSET #1 - IN NORTH VIETNAM A NEW ROAD IN THE EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS WNW FROM THAT KHE, AT 2215N - 10628E TO THE PRESENT TERMINUS OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG BAC KHE (RIVER) AT 2216N - 10624E.

INSET #2 - IN NORTH VIETNAM A NEWLY OBSERVED ROAD IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 4 AT BAN NAM NU AT 2213N - 10631E EASTWARD ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG KY CUNG (RIVER) TO PO GIARH AT 2210N - 10636E. THE ROAD THEN CONTINUES NORTHWARD CROSSING THE SONG KY CUNG AT A FERRY CROSSING LOCATED AT 2211N - 10637E AND THEN TERMINATES AT 2215N - 10637E. THIS TERMINUS

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IS 5 NM WEST OF THE TERMINI OF THE ROAD REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON
INSET #3.

INSET #3 - IN CHINA A NEWLY OBSERVED ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS NNW
FROM THE PING-HSIANG AREA AT 2207N - 10646E. IT THEN CROSSES THE TSO CHIANG
(RIVER) AT A FERRY CROSSING LOCATED AT 2211N - 10643E, AND CONTINUES TO
2214N - 10643E. AT THIS POINT THE ROAD BIFURCATES. CONSTRUCTION TERMINATES
NEAR THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 2215N - 10642E AND AT 2216N - 10643E.

INSET #4 - IN CHINA ROAD CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS WNW FROM A PREVIOUSLY
EXISTING ROAD AT 2225N - 10651E TO THE PRESENT TERMINUS OF CONSTRUCTION AT
2229N - 10642E. A [REDACTED] STORAGE AREA IS LOCATED NEAR THE TERMINUS.

INSET #5 - APPROXIMATELY 90 PER CENT OF THE ROAD BETWEEN CHUNG-SHAN, CHINA
AT 2225N - 10721E AND LUNG-CHING, CHINA AT 2221N - 10651E IS OBSERVED ON THIS
MISSION. CONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD IS COMPLETE AND THE BRIDGES ARE IN PLACE.
THE ROAD IS NOW OPERATIONAL AND 42 TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED.

INSET #6 - A NEW TWO-LANE GRAVEL ROAD IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION
BETWEEN PU-TSUN LOCATED 2.8 NM NE OF NING-MING, CHINA AT 2209N - 10707E AND
CHUNG-SHAN, CHINA AT 2225N - 10721E. THE SOUTHWEST HALF OF THIS ROAD IS

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X1 PARTIALLY COMPLETE AND PARTIALLY OPERATIONAL. PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY IS UNDERWAY ON THE NE HALF.

INSET #7 - IN CHINA A NEW ROAD IS INTERMITTANTLY OBSERVED IN EARLY TO
MID STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION FROM SSU-LO, LOCATED AT 2206N - 10726E SSW TO THE
TERMINUS OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY NEAR PAN-YUAN AT 2145N - 10712E. THE
CONSTRUCTION TERMINUS IS ONE NM FROM THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AND 3 NM
NORTH OF THE CONSTRUCTION TERMINUS OF A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ROAD UNDER CON-
STRUCTION IN NORTH VIETNAM (REFERENCE A). THIS NEW ROAD WHEN CONNECTED TO
THE ROAD IN NORTH VIETNAM WILL PROVIDE A NORTHERN EXTENSION INTO CHINA OF A
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONSTRUCTED AND IMPROVED ROAD NETWORK (REFERENCE B). THIS
ROAD NETWORK EXTENDS FROM THE HAI PHONG/HON GAI AREA IN NORTH VIETNAM, NORTH
TO THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. SEVERAL CONSTRUCTION CAMPS WERE OBSERVED
ALONG THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

REFERENCE A: NPIC MSG #9084, DTG 181918Z, NOV 66

B: NPIC MSG #0779, DTG 30013Z, MAY 67 SER F00305

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